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Madrid, August 12, N. S.

ON the 7th Instant Count Konigseck, the Emperour's Ambassadour, went for the first Time from Balsain to St. Ildefonso, where he had Audience of the King and Queen. A Decree has been sent by his Catholick Majesty to Don Pascual de Villa Campa (who, as the most antient Counsellour of Castille, officiates as President during the Vacancy of that Employment) setting forth, that his Majesty having been informed of the Reports that have been industriously spread about of his designing to abdicate the Crown a second Time, and as this must have proceeded from ill-intentioned People for creating Disturbances, his Majesty directs the said Don Pascual to give Orders to the *Alcaldes de Corte*, or Judges of the Court, to make a strict Inquiry after the Authors of those Reports, that they may be seized and punished. On the 8th Instant a Decree was published, for prolonging the Time for carrying to the Mint the old small Money to be recoyned, till the 1st of January next. Letters from Cadiz of the 6th Instant relate, that the two Regiments of Foot, which marched to the Island of Leon, are returned to Cadiz; but that the two Regiments of Horse continue in that Island, where two more are expected; that the Governour has ordered all the Shops and Sheds that were built under the Walls of Cadiz to be pulled down, and the Ramparts cleared; and the Militia have likewise Orders to be ready on the first Notice; and that the two Spanish Men of War the Conquistador and St. Joseph are to go to Malaga to convoy from thence the Provisions which the Spaniards are sending to their Garrisons upon the Coast of Barbary.

Brussels, Aug. 21, N. S. The Archdutchess, Governess of the Austrian Netherlands, has granted to the Town of Ostend an Exemption from all the Duties of Consomption for four Years; on Condition that the Town keep in Repair the Bason which is making there large enough to hold fifty Sail: That Bason will be finished before the End of this Year, will be faced with Stone within the Town, and towards the Sea is formed by Piles, with an Entrance large enough to admit two Ships at once. The Magistrates and Burghers of the said Town, in Consideration of the Advantages procured for them by the Marquess de Campo their Governour, have resolved to rebuild the Governour's House at their own Expence.

Whitehall, August 23.

Yesterday arrived Letters from Sir Charles Wager dated the 17th and the 31st of July, and according to the latest of those Advices all things are very quiet in those Parts, and there is no Appearance of the Russians making any Attempt.

Pay-Office Horse-Guards, Aug. 23, 1726.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having directed Six Months Half-Pay to the Reduced Officers of His Majesty's Land Forces and Marines to the 24th of June last; These are to give Notice, that upon Tuesday the 30th Instant, Attendance will be given at the Office aboveſaid for Payment of the same accordingly.

S. Compton.

London, Aug. 15, 1726.

The Master and Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Pewterers Company, London, who by Act of Parliament are appointed to be Searchers of all Vessels and Wares made of Pewter, which is Tinn manufactured, and to examine the Fineness and due Mixture of such Pewter Metal, of which Tinn is the chief Ingredient, have lately found a considerable Number of Blocks of Tinn sent up from Cornwall and Devonshire to London, as Merchantable Tinn, appearing to have the Coynage Mark, and other Marks, as usual, which upon an Assay taken by the aboveſaid Master and Wardens and Court of Assistants, are proved to be adulterated from Six to Thirty Shillings per Hundred Weight worse than the Standard, the Particulars whereof, and the Tinners Marks, and other Marks and Numbers, will be published as Occasion shall require; but in the mean Time, and until farther Prosecution shall be made against the Offenders, this is to give Notice to all Merchants, Pewterers, and other Persons who deal in Tinn, to be careful in making Assays of what Tinn they shall purchase for the future, so that they may not be damnified by such fraudulent Practices.

Robert Nicholson, *Master.*
Richard White, } *Wardens.*
John Newham, }
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William Ellwood,
John Shorey,
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